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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG PHOTO FLIGHT

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 210; (B) STATE 23438

1. SUMMARY: SOVIETS HAVE APPARENTLY ACCEPTED ALLIED
CONDITIOONS FOR INTERFLUG PHOTO FLIGHT, ALTHOUGH FLIGHT
HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT 1630 ON FEB 18, SOVIET DUTY CONTROLLER IN BASC
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PASSED FLIGHT PORPOSAL CARD FOR LOCAL FLIGHT AT 10,000

FEET BY ONE "AN--2 DDR" AIRCRAFT DURING PERIOD 0600 TO 1900 FEB 19. NO REFERENCE MADE TO RADIO CONTACT WITH BARTCC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRIPARTITELY AGREED INSTRUCTIONS, US CONTROLLER AT 1750 WROTE "SAFETY OF FLIGHT NOT GUARANTEED" ON CARD, RETURNED IT, AND DELIVERED FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT: QUOTE ALLIED AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO FLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY ESTABLISHED RULES OF FLIGHT AND MY AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD YOUR AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE AIRCRAFT CONCERNED. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING MORNING SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER INFORMED US CHIEF THAT PROPOSED FLIGHT CANCELLED FOR THAT DAY. HE THEN ASKED FOR BARTCC FREQUENCY. AFTER OBTAINING SOIVET CONFIRMATION THAT NEXT INTERFLUG PHOTO FLIGHT WOULD REMAIN IN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT WITH BARTCC, US CHIEF PROVIDED PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE FREQUENCIES.

4. ON FEB 20 SOVIETS PASSED CARD FOR FLIGHT ON FEB 21 FOR SIMILAR AIRCRAFT AT 10,000 FEET. HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT IN ENGLISH ON CARD SAID "RADIO CONTACT ON 134.65," WHICH IS PRIMARY FREQUENCY ASSIGNED BY BARTCC. THIS FLIGHT ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED. SIMILAR FLIGHT CARD HAS BEEN PASSED BY SOVIETS EVERY DAY SINCE, EXCEPT SUNDAY.

5. FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS APPARENTLY DUE TO WEATHER. GIVEN UNCERTAINTIES BERLIN WEATHER AND DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PHOTOS FROM 10,000 FEET, BRITISH HERE CONSIDER APPARENT SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO LIMIT FLIGHT TO UPPER EDGE OF BCZ AND IMPORTANT CONCESSION; BUT WE FIND WILLINGNESS TO MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT FAR MORE IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO MARK ACCEPTANCE OF EXTENDED ROLE FOR BARTCC IN BCZ.

6.COMMENT: PROOF, OF COURSE, WILL COME WHEN FLIGHT OCCURS BUT WE ENCOURAGED BY DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE. AS WE SEE IT, IF FLIGHT TAKES PLACE AND RADIO CONTACT IS MAINTAINED WITH BARTCC, THERE WILL HAVE BEEN
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QUADRIPARTITE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A NON-FOUR-POWER FLIGHT IN BCZ. ALLIES WILL HAVE GAINED SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF EXTENDED ROLE OF BARTCC IN BCZ AND BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MODEST INCREASE IN LEVEL OF COOPERATION WITHIN BASC AND HENCE TO AIR SAFETY.

7. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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